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TAGS: EFIS, CPRS, BR

SUBJECT: GOB SEIZED WITH SHRIMP BOAT SEIZURES

REF: (A) BELEM 0155 (B) BRASILIA 2788

1. GOB IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH WHAT IT BELIEVES TO BE LARGE NUMBER OF UNAUTHORIZED US-OWNED BOATS SHRIMPING IN BRAZILIAN WATERS. WHILE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALLY TREATED THE SEIZURE OF SHRIMP BOATS REPORTED IN REFTTEL A IN ROUTINE MANNER (TELEPHONING EMBASSY ON JUNE 9; A DIPLOMATIC NOTE GENERALLY FOLLOWS SOME TWO OR THREE WEEKS LATER WHEN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS FULL REPORT FROM BRAZILIAN NAVY), ON JUNE 15 EMBOFF WAS APPROACHED AT SOCIAL EVENT REGARDING THE MATTER. COUNSELOR CARLOS LUIS PEREZ, CHIEF OF FINMIN'S BASIC PRODUCTS DIVISION, SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE BOATS SEIZED LAST WEEK,  
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THERE WERE "CONFIRMED REPORTS FROM BRAZILIAN SHRIMPERS" THAT MANY OF THE BOATS AUTHORIZED TO FISH UNDER THE EXPIRED BRAZIL-US SHRIMPING AGREEMENT WERE BACK IN BRAZILIAN WATERS. PEREZ ALSO SAID SOME REPORTS INDICATED AS MANY AS 130 US BOATS IN THE AREA OF FORMER AGREEMENT, BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS MAY BE FISHERMEN'S HYPERBOLE. IN ANY CASE, PEREZ SAID IT IS "A SERIOUS

MATTER".

2. EMBOFF ASKED PEREZ IF THERE WAS ANY SPECIFIC ACTION OR REPORT TO WASHINGTON WHICH THE GOB WISHED THE EMBASSY TO TAKE AT THIS TIME. HE REPLIED THERE IS LITTLE THE USG CAN DO ABOUT THE SITUATION AND, THEREFORE, THE GOB WILL HAVE TO CONTROL IT.

3. COMMENT. WHILE PEREZ CHOSE TO MAKE HIS POINTS INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BRAZILIAN NAVY WILL USE INCREASING SURVEILLANCE AND FORCE, IF NECESSARY, WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS. WE UNDERSTAND JAPANESE SHRIMP BOATS ALSO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY SEIZED. EMBASSY AND CONSUL BELEM WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR AND REPORT. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSULT WITH NOAA ON ADVISABILITY OF INFORMING SHRIMP BOAT OWNERS WHO TRADITIONALLY USED BRAZILIAN WATERS OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONSIDERABLY MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT BY GOB WITHIN ITS 200-MILE LIMIT. IF IT IS DECIDED TO CIRCULATE A STATEMENT TO THE BOAT OWNERS, PLEASE PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH THE TEXT FOR POSSIBLE USE IN ASSURING THE GOB OF OUR CONCERN. SAYRE

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